

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING

April 22, 2003

**DRAFT: NOT APPROVED BY BCC**  
**ANTICIPATED DATE OF APPROVAL: MAY 13, 2003**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session with Chairman Grippa presiding. Present were Commissioners Sauls, Thaell, Winchester, Proctor, Rackleff and Maloy. Also present were County Attorney Herb Thiele, Assistant County Administrator Vince Long, Deputy Clerk Bill Bogan, Jr., and Secretary Sandra C. O'Neal. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invocation was provided by Commissioner Jane Sauls followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Special mention was made about Sharon Oxendine, former Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator, who recently died.

**Awards and Presentations**

- Commissioner Thaell presented the attached resolution for Earth Day to Sasha Erickson, Representing Tri-Eagle Sales; Ray Moreau of SWIX; Gene Jones of Southern Waste Information Exchange; and Nancy Paul, Leon County Solid Waste. There will be Earth Day activities on April 26, 2003.
- Presentation on Sprayfield by Commissioner Thaell:  
Commissioner Thaell reported that he met with the County Neighborhood Association and City Commissioner Katz on the Sprayfield buffers issue.

He outlined the agreement between the City, the County and the neighborhood:

- The expanded effluent disposal will be treated to public access reuse quality
- The burned out buffer on Tram Road will be restored
- There will be coordination between the several independent studies being conducted by the City, County, DEP, the U.S. Geological Survey and NFWMD
- Commissioner Katz will pursue obtaining the City administration's signature on an agreement to subject any changes in status of the eastern sprayfield buffer to a Type B review process

Commissioner Thael advised that he would keep Wakulla County Commissioner Kessler apprised of the issue and that Commissioner Katz will bring the issue to the City Commission on Wednesday. Staff will bring back the impacts that Welaunee and Southwood Phase II would have on the sprayfield as requested by the Chairman.

### **Consent**

Commissioner Maloy moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls and carried unanimously, 7/0, to approve the following Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 3 which was addressed as described:

1. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2003 Regular Meeting

The Board approved the Minutes of March 18, 2003 Regular Meeting.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for April 22, 2003

The Board approved Option 1: Approve payment of bills and vouchers submitted for approval for April 22, 2003: \$856,477.83

3. Approval to Revise Definition of "Local Business" in the Local Preference Ordinance

Commissioner Rackleff pulled this item for discussion and opined that the proposed change in the policy would do little to improve matters. He believed that Board directed staff to bring back a "Local Business" definition that was more specific to the one in the present Local Preference Policy. The Board engaged in discussion about truly having a local presence in town.

Commissioner Rackleff moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thael and carried unanimously, 7/0 to continue this item and to direct the County Attorney to work with staff to draft a new local business definition that includes a ranking/scale system that provides points based on the type of local business.

4. Acceptance of Five Conservation Easements

This agenda item requests approval and acceptance of five conservation easements consistent with requirements and conditions of environmental management permitting. The Board approved Option 1: Approve and accept for recording the five (5) conservation easements referenced in the Statement of Issue: The grantors are as follows:

- Canopy Roads Baptist Church, Inc.
- Broadwing Communications Services, Inc.
- William G. Brown, Emerald Acres Subdivision
- Brian Biggs, Gibbs Excavating & Land Clearing, L.L.C.
- James L. Thompson, William M. Rhodes III, and Richard J. Gardner III, Chimney Hill Plantation Limited Partition Subdivision

5. Authorization to Prepare an Application for Funding of Improvements to Jackson View Park Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program in the amount of \$200,000 and Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Division of Parks and Recreation to Submit the Grant Package on Behalf of Leon County

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize staff to prepare an application for funding of improvements to Jackson View Park through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program in the amount of \$200,000 and approve the attached Resolution R03-17 authorizing the Division of Parks and Recreation to submit the grant package on behalf of Leon County:

6. Approval to Award Bid to Ver-Mac, Inc., for Six Portable Changeable Message Signs at \$63,000

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the bid to Ver-Mac, Inc., in the amount of \$63,000 for the purchase of six portable changeable message signs using grant funds from the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

7. Schedule a Public Hearing for the Pre-Application for Authorization of a Service Area to Operate a Sewer System Serving Properties Located North of Crowder Road and Between North Monroe Street and Wiggington Road

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a public hearing on the pre-application for May 27, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

**Citizens to Be Heard on Non-agendaed Items (3-minute limit; non-discussion by Commission)**

- a. Anthony Glover, 1600 Gibbs Hall, FAMU student, appeared and expressed opposition to Chairman Grippa's proposal to expand Innovation Park members to 10 members.
- b. Ramone J. Alexander, 2606 Pottsdamer Street, student, also voiced opposition to the make up of the Innovation Park members.

**General Business**

8. Endorsement of the Lake Jackson Ecopassage Feasibility Study Scope of Services

Staff is requesting the Board's endorsement of the Lake Jackson Ecopassage Feasibility Study scope-of-services prior to approval by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on May 19, 2003. The purpose of the Lake Jackson Ecopassage Feasibility Study is to determine what type of mitigative action is required to re-establish a wildlife linkage between Lake Jackson and Little Lake Jackson.

Commissioner Winchester moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls and carried unanimously, 7/0 to approve Options 1 and 2: 1) Endorse the Lake Jackson Ecopassage Feasibility Study Scope-of-Services; 2) Waive the pre-release review of the Request for Proposals.

9. Ratification of Actions and Direction Taken at the March 18, 2003 Board Workshop on the Flooded Property Acquisition Policy and Approval of Flooded Property Purchase Application Form and Prioritization Criteria

Ms. Heiker, Stormwater Management, provided an update on the purchase and acquisition in the south side and Harbinwood areas, the revisions to the Flooded Property Purchase Application, and the Priority Points Criteria given to the structural, yard and household conditions of the property owner. Several Commissioners questioned the priority points given to residents for certain circumstances as opposed to others. Commissioners Proctor and Sauls indicated concern about the low priority number given to permanent well contamination.

Avaline Kendall, Tomberlin Road, asked if someone would be penalized and not receive points if they lived alone. Ms. Heiker assured her that the issue would be addressed in the application. Ms. Kendall also pointed out that her neighborhood depends on a community well. She urged the Board to move forward with the purchase and not delay the issue any longer.

The Board agreed that if FEMA agrees to purchase the property, Leon County would not. The Board also advised that if homes are covered by flood insurance they would be exempt from the policy.

The Board engaged in lengthy discussion regarding contaminated wells, noting that those did not receive many points in the criteria list for things such as wet carpet, etc., should be revisited. They also indicated that it would be prudent to attempt to obtain more funds for flooding from Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff and carried unanimously, 7/0, to approve Options 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5:

- 1) Ratify Board direction to maintain the focus on original parcels in the target area;
- 2) Ratify Board action to develop criteria to prioritize acquisition based on physical limitations;
- 3) Direct staff to incorporate criteria into revised policy and return for Board adopting;
- 4) Authorize staff to distribute applications to Southside target area residents pending final Board adoption of revised policy;
- 5) Ratify Board direction to evaluate scope and cost to private roads sufficient for emergency access;

(Also include in the policy that persons participating in the Federal Flood Insurance Program will not be eligible for the County's Flood Acquisition Program. Staff will obtain a list of homeowners with flood insurance from FEMA.)

10. Approval of the Transportation Corridor Study (p2) Program and Approval of the By-laws for the Tharpe Street Corridor Study

Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Winchester and carried unanimously, 7/0, to approve Options 1 and 2: 1) Approve the proposed Transportation Corridor Study (p2) Program Policy; 2) Approve the By-laws for the Tharpe Street Corridor Study.

### **County Administrator**

Assistant County Administrator reported that tomorrow is the Northwest Florida Water Management District Day at the Capital, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Commissioners are to contact Ben Pengree for free lunch tickets.

### **Discussion Items by Commissioners**

Commissioner Thael

Requested a resolution for Harry Martinez; Choir Director for Florida High for 41 years is retiring.

Commissioner Proctor

- a. Add-On Item: Reconsideration of Policy No. 03-06, Utilization of Open Graded Cold Mix for the 2/3-2/3 Program (Motion to Rescind)

Commissioner Proctor explained that additional information was needed for this item and he would delay it until next week.

- b. Discussed the possibility of having less Board meetings per month and combining meetings when there are so few agenda items such as there was tonight and a few weeks ago. It was indicated that it could possibly save money to consolidate meetings. Staff will bring back an agenda item with various scenarios on this issue.

Commissioner Rackleff

Reported that he attended a public meeting held by the City utilities section regarding the proposed Eastern Transmission Line. Apparently the route will be close to the Mahan Road and I-10 corridor. Commissioner Rackleff suggested that the County should

be cautious and review the report and bring back an agenda item. The Chairman advised that he would bring the issue up at the next Mayor/Chair meeting.

Commissioner Winchester

- a. Requested a resolution recognizing May 2003 as "Florida State Parks" Month.
- b. Advised that he received a request from Civic Center Authority Director, Ron Spencer, regarding the Hockey Alliance. There is interest in bringing minor league hockey back to Tallahassee. Commissioner Winchester stated that he would bring this issue up at the Civic Center Authority meeting in the morning.
- c. Requested an update on the Lake Jackson Retrofit Projects Funding and stated that it could be brought back with the review being performed by the County Attorney on County compliance with the Okeeheepkee Interim Settlement Agreement.
- d. Discussed the problem of migratory birds being killed as a result of the communication towers. Commissioner Winchester stated that there might be a way to avoid this problem by using a certain type or color of lighting and requested that staff provide information in a memo format.

Commissioner Maloy

Noted that the Urban League item is scheduled to be on the April 29, 2003 agenda.

Commissioner Sauls

Reminded the Board about the joint City/County public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan amendments to be held at City Hall this Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Grippa

- a. On Saturday there will be the opening of the Miccosukee Park and there will be a Kids Challenge (to Commissioners) Softball game.
- b. Requested a resolution for May as Civility Month.
- c. Requested a resolution for Small Business Association Week – May 11-17, 2003.
- d. Requested the County Attorney to agenda next week, the settlement for CeRCA, noting that the parties are in conceptual agreement.

- e. Advised that he has had discussions with Dr. Gainous on the University Park/Innovation Park issue.

There being no further business to come to the Board, Commissioner Rackleff moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls and carried unanimously, 7/0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Grippa  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bob Inzer  
Clerk of the Circuit Court